

2004 SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER SURVEY TRAINING

Training for southwestern willow flycatcher presence/absence surveys is being provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Geological Survey, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Roosevelt Lake on May 5 and 6, 2004. There is no cost for the training. If sufficient interest warrants, an additional session may be offered May 6 and 7, 2004.

The training will last two days. Afternoon presentations will be held on May 5 covering flycatcher biology, threats, current status, identification, permitting, and survey procedures. Participants who want to camp will be provided a developed campsite by the U.S. Forest Service, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest. Otherwise, people are free to find accommodations, possibly in the nearby towns of Punkin Center or Globe. The morning of May 6 will be comprised of a field visit to flycatcher habitat, the opportunity to see and hear southwestern willow flycatchers, and discussion of field forms and reporting procedures.

If you are interested in reserving a spot for this training session or would like more details, please contact Alex Smith at Arizona Game and Fish Department, 602-789-3583 or Asmith@gf.state.az.us.